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Re-designation Update

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Revised Process - Summary to date:

- 35 re-designations conducted since April, 2011
- 2 coalitions dropped out in 2011
- We've received largely positive feedback on process from Coordinators and Stakeholders
- Webinar format allows for interaction between DOE and coalition presentation team.
- Stakeholder interviews have been invaluable to DOE HQ.
 - Calls generally last 15-20 minutes.





What we've learned:

- Stakeholders are huge fans of coalition activities and Coordinators!
- Each coalition has unique characteristics and capabilities.
- Stakeholders appreciate DOE taking the time to get their opinions; they feel their opinions are valued.
- Stakeholders have some great ideas; you just have to ask for their input!





What we've learned, cont'd.

- Many stakeholders are unaware of the tools and resources available on the Clean Cities and AFDC websites.
 Alternative Fueling Station Locator Find alternative
- In general, Coordinators who work closely with other nearby coalitions feel like they have a support network they can call upon.

fueling station locations.

 Networking and information sharing are seen as the most valuable aspects of Clean Cities meetings.



Stakeholder feedback about coalitions and Coordinators:

- "Outstanding, positive ambassadors for Clean Cities"
- "The coalition is really great to work with."
- "They have been extremely helpful...."

Greatest Strength:



 "The coalition's ability to bring all the different entities together to promote alternative fuels, and share information about what's working, what's not, available grants, vehicle performance and to find new products."





Some Issues

Branding

- In some coalitions, "stakeholders" we spoke with are not even aware of what a Clean Cities coalition is, or that they're members of a coalition. (ouch!)
 - A coalition is more than just its Coordinator!
 - In some cases, stakeholders identify with the parent organization, not with the Clean Cities program.

Focus

 Many coalitions need help determining the best area(s) on which to focus their energies.



Noteworthy Coordinator Activities

Successful use of AmeriCorps volunteers – Alamo Area





 Taking training courses at local Center for Nonprofit Excellence – Southern Colorado





More Noteworthy Activities

Annual funding workshops – East Bay



 Requiring Board members to bring in 5 new stakeholders each – Kentucky







More Noteworthy Activities

Promoting the production and use of biodiesel

Ocean State (Rhode Island)



Getting stakeholder input using SurveyMonkey – lowa







More Noteworthy Activities

 Outreach to the tourism industry - Central Florida (formerly Space Coast)

Reviving a dormant coalition – Greater Washington Region





More Noteworthy Activities

Tenacity: bringing alt. fuels to Bradley Int'l. Airport after
 10 years of work – Capitol Clean Cities of CT





Successfully moving coalition to 501(c)(3) status –
 Middle Tennessee







Noteworthy Activities, cont'd.

 Showing Clean Cities videos on airport monitors Western Washington

 Taking advantage of available state funding sources Houston, Pittsburgh







Noteworthy Activities, cont'd.

Use of CMAQ funding – Genesee Region (NY)



 Outstanding coalition meetings – Southeast Florida (formerly Gold Coast), Massachusetts







Noteworthy Activities, cont'd.

 Successful use of media – Tucson, Kentucky and Antelope Valley











Noteworthy Activities, cont'd.

 Outstanding Board involvement – Sacramento, East Bay, Land of Enchantment (New Mexico)







 Converting Atlantic City Jitneys (shuttle buses) to CNG New Jersey





Noteworthy Activities

- This is just a sampling of some of the good ideas and accomplishments we've learned about through the redesignation process.
- We can't stress enough the importance of regular networking with your fellow Coordinators, and with stakeholders, to keep those ideas flowing.





Tips for Preparing for the Webinar

- Start early.
- Provide requested information in a timely manner.
- Less is more: Use bullets; keep slides uncluttered.
- If you're planning any major coalition changes, now is the time to bring them up!

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Questions?

